REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner has indicated that claim 8 is in condition for allowance. The remaining claims have been rejected over prior art.

In order to expedite prosecution of the application, the dependent claims have been amended so that they now depend from allowed claim 8. In addition, claims 11 and 12 have been amended to include the subject matter from claim 8 that was not already in claims 11 and 12. Applicants submit that the amendments to claims 11 and 12 should place those claims in condition for allowance, at least for the reasons that claim 8 is allowable.

In addition, claim 1 has been canceled.

Accordingly, the present application should now be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. The references listed on the attached form were references that were made of record in the parent application, and which should have been already considered by the Examiner.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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